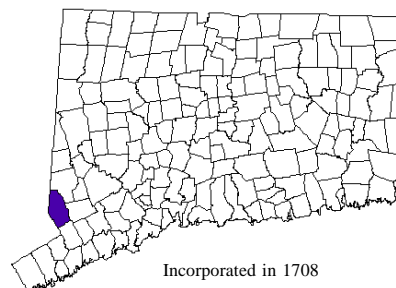


# Ridgefield

## Connecticut

Town Hall  
400 Main Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877  
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*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Danbury Labor Market Area  
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region  
Housatonic Valley Planning Area



Incorporated in 1708

### Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	20,919	827,645	3,287,116	White	23,341	755,029	2,997,210
2000	23,643	882,567	3,405,565	Black	143	84,532	266,880
2001	23,890	887,208	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	311	18,550	52,248
2006	24,850	909,248	3,465,947	Native American	48	1,277	6,660
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	0.79%	0.49%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	549	102,912	318,289
Land Area (sq. miles)	34	626	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.8%	6.1%	6.6%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	694	1,418	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$55,022	\$42,304	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2001)	8,613	328,770	1,285,210	High School Graduate	2,176	15.3%	648,366
Median Age (2001)	39	38	37	Some College	3,083	21.7%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	7,962	56.2%	597,693
							27.3%
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	756 3%	2,320 10%	734 3%	4,631 19%	2,339 10%	917 4%	11,697
Female	719 3%	2,143 9%	707 3%	5,111 21%	2,282 10%	1,231 5%	12,193
County Total	54,022 6%	151,969 17%	64,937 7%	339,459 38%	154,350 17%	122,471 14%	887,208
State Total	213,561 6%	597,220 17%	279,666 8%	1,294,651 38%	544,994 16%	484,692 14%	3,414,784

### Economics

Business Profile (2001)					Top Five Grand List (2001)		% of
Sector	Firms	% of Total	Emp.	% of Total	Amount		Net
Agriculture	57	3.7%	205	1.9%	Boehringer Ingelheim		\$151,639,425
Const. and Mining	168	10.8%	591	5.4%	SVG Lithography Systems		\$26,997,283
Manufacturing	64	4.1%	2,498	22.7%	Schlumberger Doll		\$26,138,660
Trans. and Utilities	26	1.7%	180	1.6%	Connecticut Light & Power		\$11,947,171
Trade	310	20.0%	2,014	18.3%	Ridgefield Properties LLC		\$8,957,280
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	123	7.9%	679	6.2%	Net Grand List ()		
Services	793	51.2%	4,543	41.3%	Top Five Major Employers (1997)		
Government	8	0.5%	288	2.6%	Boehringer Ingelheim Pharm. Inc		Norco Inc.
Total	1,549	100.0%	10,998	100.0%	Silicon Valley Group		Village Bank & Trust Co.
					Schlumberger Doll Research		
						Town	State
					Retail Sales (1999)	\$456,843,203	\$76,264,820,474

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>						
Total Students	4,289	461,203		Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,744	\$8,300		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Average Teacher's Salary	\$58,402	\$48,598		Reading	75 55	84 60	87 64		
Students Attending Public School	92.1%	89.2%		Math	83 59	75 59	83 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.0	14.5		Writing	67 46	50 46	83 51		
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	92.3%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	1.1%	4.6%		Verbal		564	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		566	499		
Kindergarten 17.9	Grade 2 23.4								
Grade 5 23.5	Grade 7 23.4	High School 21.4							

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### Government

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$3,263,465
				As % of Expenditures	5.4%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$61,268,142	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$60,990,764	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$4,841,280,512
Tax Revenue	\$52,440,123	Education	\$40,986,425	Per Capita	\$217,468
Non-tax Revenue	\$8,828,019	Other	\$20,004,339	As % of State Average	1.3%
Intergovernmental	\$3,066,684	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$25,296,545	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1996
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$2,356	As % of Expenditures	41.5%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	Aaa
As % of State Average	152.0%	Per Capita	\$1,136	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	21.52
		As % of State Average	82.5%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	13.19
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	10.7%

### Housing

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	8,827	339,145	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	86.0%	64.4%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	28	1,797	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	121	2,362	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	48	4,820	24,349
As % Existing Units	1.37%	0.70%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	50	3,386	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	0	517	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	123	2,197	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	581	17,115	56,032	\$400,001 or More	332	4,915	6,256
Average Price	\$459,918	\$366,544	\$219,784	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$335,000	\$224,900	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	6,252	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	19.5%	34.2%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	157	30,502	148,930

### Labor Force

				Commuters (1990)			
(2000)	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	12,471	452,843	1,746,503	Ridgefield	2,818	Ridgefield	2,818
Employed	12,340	444,068	1,707,150	Danbury	1,205	New York	2,210
Unemployed	131	8,775	39,353	New York	400	Danbury	1,450
Unemployment Rate	1.1%	1.9%	2.3%	Bethel	336	Stamford	1,181
Total Employment	8,940	430,560	1,693,400	Brookfield	259	Wilton	629
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	2.5%	1.3%	1.3%	Redding	246	Norwalk	589
				New Fairfield	207	Greenwich	262
Manufacturing	2,030	69,920	268,400	Newtown	186	New Canaan	204
				Wilton	148	Westport	197

### Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (2000)	11	1,183	Total Volumes	97,359	Electric Provider
Lodging (1998)	7	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.4	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1999)	16	1,722			(800) 286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	6	33	Hartford	53	Yankee Gas Company
% Open Land (1990)	69.6%	68.7%	Boston	147	(800) 989-0900
			New York City	50	Water Provider
			Providence	114	Aquarion Water Company
Hospitals (1999)	0	7			(800) 732-9678
Total Beds	0	1,954			Cable Provider
					Comcast Cablevision of Danbury, Inc.
					203-792-0900